

names *Trichia* and TRICHIIDAE in Myxomycetes are accepted as senior homonyms in zoological nomenclature, as Holthuis (BZN 57: 109–110, June 2000) has proposed, a further application must be brought to the Commission to remove the homonymy between TRICHIIDAE in Myxomycetes, Insecta and Mollusca. As recorded above and in para. 9 of the application, the family-group name is very well used in Coleoptera (unlike TRICHIINAE in molluscs).

As to the 'numerous and complicated manoeuvres by the Commission', referred to in a negative sense by Holthuis in his comment, as necessary to save *Trichia* in Mollusca, we agree to some extent. However, we prefer to use that argument quite differently. Much of the work has now been done, and this would be in vain from our viewpoint as malacologists preferring stability over a strict application of the Code, in particular in a case like this where colleagues in other fields stand to be upset in their use of names in daily practice.

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**Comment on the proposed conservation of the spelling VACHONIINAE Maury, 1973 (Arachnida, Scorpiones) to remove homonymy with VACHONIIDAE Chamberlin, 1947 (Arachnida, Pseudoscorpiones)**  
(Case 3119; see BZN 57: 24–25)

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I wish to comment on a small matter regarding this case. I (Harvey, 1992) synonymised the pseudoscorpion family VACHONIIDAE Chamberlin, 1947 with the family BOCHICIDAE Chamberlin, 1930, as no significant differences could be detected between the constituent genera. A full review of the BOCHICIDAE by Muchmore (1998) has supported this synonymy, and Muchmore also showed that this family could be divided into two subfamilies, BOCHICINAE and LEUCOHYINAE Chamberlin, 1946. *Vachonium* was included within the BOCHICINAE, and no family-group name based on this genus is now in use at any level within the Pseudoscorpiones.

However, these taxonomic conclusions have little bearing on the case presented by Fet & Braunwalder, and I fully support their proposal that the spelling of the scorpion subfamily name VACHONIINAE Maury, 1973 should be changed to VACHONIAINAE.

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